

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

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RE: NOTICE OF FINAL DISPOSITION
The Honorable Robert E. Hood
Matter Number: 18-DE-J-0064

Dear Ms. Ballard:

You previously filed a complaint with the Commission on Judicial Conduct about The Honorable Robert E. Hood in connection with the above-referenced matter. The Commission instructed the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to conduct an investigation into your allegations.

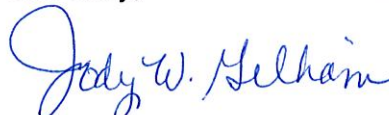
On June 22, 2018, an investigative panel of the Commission convened to consider the recommendation of the Disciplinary Counsel for disposition of this matter based on the information gathered in the investigation. As required by the Rules for Judicial Disciplinary Enforcement, Rule 502, SCACR, the inquiries of the panel were limited to whether or not there was evidence of ethical misconduct on the part of Judge Hood that would warrant further investigation or the filing of formal charges.

After considering the information received from you, Judge Hood's response, and the report of Disciplinary Counsel setting forth the results of the investigation, the investigative panel voted to dismiss your complaint. At the direction of the Commission, I am notifying you of the action taken by the Commission on this matter. This dismissal constitutes a final disposition of your complaint.

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As required by the rules, Judge Hood and the Disciplinary Counsel are being notified of the action taken by the investigative panel by copy of this letter.

Sincerely,



Jody W. Gilham
Administrative Assistant

JWG/

cc: The Honorable Robert E. Hood

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